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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 8.15.96
2. ☒ All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
3. ☒ The allowed claims are 1-6
4. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [] been received. [] not been received. [] been filed in parent application Serial No. _____, filed on _____.
6. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
7. ☐ Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
9. ☐ Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
10. ☐ Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

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1. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
2. ☒ APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
 - a. ☒ Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached ~~hereto~~ to Paper No. 2. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - b. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - c. ☐ Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - d. ☐ Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

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Attachments:

- Examiner's Amendment
- Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413
- Reasons for Allowance
- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449
- Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
- Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948
- Listing of Bonded Draftsmen
- Other

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person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.


4. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Hendle in view of Sabadics, US #3,341,959. Hendle does not teach a mounting brace having axially aligned recesses or raised portions having apertures, however, such supports are well known, as shown by Sabadics. The mounting brace (Fig. 1) includes axially aligned recesses formed by 23 and 23' as well as raised portions extending from 15 forming apertures 16 and 17. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to apply such a mounting brace to the device of Hendle to provide means for retaining the sign on a different type of support member.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US patents 3,552,702 to Springer, 3,958,351 to Summey, 4,232,467 to Stewart, 5,457,905 to Kaplan, 3,593,447 to Winegarten, 3,793,756 to Kay et al. and 923,335 to Cornelius are cited as showing similar structure and function.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joanne Silbermann whose telephone number is (703) 308-2091.


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